

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 677

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betsy Conder Newman Beshires of Chester County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Betsy Conder Newman Beshires; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beshires was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beshires had taught in the Chester County School System for twelve years, and she was an Adjunct Professor at Jackson State Community College; she loved to teach and to learn as well; and

WHEREAS, born in Chester County on February 28, 1952, Betsy Beshires was the daughter of the late Quinten Algea and Lois Madge Conder Newman; she was raised in Enville; and

WHEREAS, as a child, she was educated in the public schools of her home county, graduating in 1970 from Chester County High School; she continued her education, earning a Master of Education from Freed-Hardeman University in 1997, and she was pursuing a doctorate at Union University at the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the civic life of her community, she was a member of the Tennessee Education Association, and at the time of her death, she was serving as the Chairman of the Chester County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beshires was an active and devout member of the Henderson Church of Christ, which she served faithfully as a second-grade Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Beshires was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Lance Beshires, her daughter and son-in-law, Sara Beth Beshires Connor and Kyle Connor, her two brothers, Don Newman and Jason Newman, and her sister, Madga Young; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beshires leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Betsy Conder Newman Beshires, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Beshires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.